

# MARLENE S. MILLER

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## EDUCATION

1986 - 88, 1996	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, IL, Advanced Studies in Figure Drawing
1978	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, Syracuse, NY, M.F.A. in Ceramics. Two-Year Graduate Fellowship
1976	BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, Peoria, IL, B.F.A. in Ceramics; Minor in Painting

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2000 - present	Focus on large ceramic sculpture and ceramic relief commissions
1978 - 2000	Professor of Art, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2010	<i>BEST IN SHOW</i> , Red Heat: Contemporary Work in Clay, University of Tulsa, OK
2004, 2001	<i>NICHE Award</i> for Ceramic Sculpture, Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft
2002	<i>Illinois Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship Award</i>
2001	<i>Illinois Arts Council Artist Finalist Award</i>
2001	<i>BEST IN SHOW</i> , Peoria Art Guild National Fine Arts Show
1993	<i>First Place Purchase Award</i> , Davenport Museum of Art, Davenport, IA
1992	<i>Second Place Award</i> , Fletcher Challenge International Ceramics Exhibition, Auckland Museum, New Zealand.
1978	<i>First Place Award in Ceramics</i> , Cooperstown National Exhibition, Cooperstown, NY

## SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

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2017	<i>Blood and Iron</i> Solo Exhibition, Abel Contemporary, Paoli, WI
2016	<i>The Warrior Series</i> Solo Exhibition, Exhibit A, Peoria, IL
2013	<i>The Girl Series, New Work</i> Two-Person Exhibition, Art @803, Key West, FL
2012	<i>New Ceramic Sculpture</i> Solo Exhibition, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI
2010	<i>New Ceramic Sculpture</i> Solo Exhibition, Contemporary Art Center, Peoria, IL
2009	<i>Small Heads</i> Two-Person Exhibition, Art @803, Key West, FL
2008	<i>New Ceramic Sculpture</i> Solo Exhibition, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI
2008	Two-Person Exhibition, Prairie Arts Center, Peoria, IL
2007	<i>The Girl Series, 1990 – 1996</i> , Solo Exhibition, Figge Museum of Art, Davenport, IA
2007	<i>Erdklumpen</i> Solo Exhibition of Ceramic Sculpture, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
1995	<i>Solo Exhibition of Ceramic Sculpture and Drawing, 1985-1995</i> , Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL
1987	<i>Solo Exhibition of Drawing and Watercolor</i> , Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
1986	<i>Solo Exhibition of Ceramic Sculpture</i> , Allegheny College, Allegheny, PA
1986	Two-Person Exhibition, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
1983	<i>Portraits of Appalachia</i> , Two-Person Exhibition, University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, IL
1982	Two-Person exhibition, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Atlanta, GA
1980	<i>New Ceramic Sculpture Solo Exhibition</i> , Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
1978	<i>New Ceramic Sculpture Solo Exhibition</i> , Illinois Central College, East Peoria

## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

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2017	13 <sup>th</sup> Biennial International Artistic Ceramics Exhibition, Aveiro Museum, Aveiro, Portugal
2011	10 <sup>th</sup> International Biennial of Ceramics, Museu de Ceramica de Manises, Spain
2009	9 <sup>th</sup> Biennial International Artistic Ceramics Exhibition, Parquee de Expositoes, Aveiro, Portugal
2007	8 <sup>th</sup> Biennial International Artistic Ceramics Exhibition, Parquee de Expositoes, Aveiro, Portugal
2007	SOFA Chicago, International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects, and Functional Art, Navy Pier
2004	SOFA New York, 7 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Armory, NYC
2004	SOFA Chicago, Navy Pier
2004	Exhibition of Commission Proposal Illustrations, Musashino Civic Culture Hall, Tokyo, Japan
1995	Fletcher Challenge International Ceramic Award Exhibition, Auckland, New Zealand
1992	Fletcher Challenge International Ceramic Award Exhibition, Auckland, New Zealand
1992	International Biennial of Ceramic Art, Chateau-Musee of Vallauris, France
1991	Faenza International Ceramics Exhibition, International Museum of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
1985	German/America Exhibition, Peoria Civic Center and Museum of Friedrichshafen, Germany

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- 2018 *Smithsonian Craft Show*, National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 *Emergence: The National Art of Central Illinois*, Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL
- 2016 *13<sup>th</sup> Ceramics Invitational*, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI  
*Portrait Invitational*, Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL
- 2015 *Little Ones*, National Figurative Ceramic Sculpture Invitational, Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL  
*Surface*, Multi Media Invitational, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI  
*GISA 2015*, Gallery of Internationally Shown Artists, Three-Person Exhibition, Liz Solaro Gallery, Quincy, IL
- 2014 *Contemporary Figurative Ceramics*, in conjunction with NCECA, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI  
*Material Attraction: Diverse Reactions*, Ceramics Invitational, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL  
*The Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture National Exhibition*, Delray Beach, FL
- 2013 *Fins, Fur, and Feathers Ceramics Invitational*, Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL  
*10<sup>th</sup> Ceramics Invitational*, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI  
*Ancient/Modern Invitational Exhibition*, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI
- 2012 *Ink and Clay*, Keith and Janet Kellogg Art Gallery, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA  
*Figurative Ceramics Invitational*, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI  
Premier Exhibition, *Central Illinois Artists Invitational*, Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL
- 2011 *Ink and Clay*, Keith and Janet Kellogg Art Gallery, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA  
*All Steamed Up Invitational*, Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL and Milliken University, Decatur, IL
- 2010 *Red Heat: Contemporary Work in Clay*, University of Tulsa, OK, BEST IN SHOW  
*7<sup>th</sup> Ceramics Invitational*, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI
- 2009 *A Contemporary Look at Abraham Lincoln* Invitational, Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL
- 2007 *Ink and Clay*, Keith and Janet Kellogg Art Gallery, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
- 2006 *The Other*, Invitation Exhibition, Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Salem, Oregon  
American Craft Council Show, Baltimore Winter Show, Baltimore Convention Center, MD
- 2004 *Ink and Clay*, Keith and Janet Kellogg Art Gallery, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA  
*Contemporary Crafts Exhibition*, Mesa Contemporary Arts Center, Mesa, AZ  
Viewpoint Ceramics National, Hyde Art Gallery, Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA
- 2003 *Smithsonian Craft Show*, National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.  
American Craft Council Show, Baltimore Winter Show, Baltimore Convention Center, MD
- 2002 Washington Craft Show, Washington D.C. Convention Center  
American Craft Council Show, Baltimore Winter Show, Baltimore Convention Center, MD  
*Inspired in Illinois: Painting and Sculpture Invitational*, Lakeview Museum, Peoria, IL
- 2001 *Illinois Women Artists: The New Millennium*. Two-year traveling exhibition developed by the Illinois Committee for the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Illinois State Museum, Chicago; Center for Visual Arts, Illinois State University, Normal; Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, Peoria; and other locations  
*Regional Art Exhibition*, Davenport Museum of Art, Davenport, IA  
*Galex 35* National Exhibition, Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL
- 2000 *National Ceramics Invitational*, Texas A&M University, Commerce, TX  
Peoria Guild Fine Arts Show, Peoria, IL. BEST IN SHOW
- 1999 Guest Curator and Exhibitor, *Narrative and Poetic Expressions: The Human Form in Clay*, included 12 nationally and internationally renowned ceramists, Lakeview Museum, Peoria, IL
- 1998 – 1999 Ceramic Mural Commission, Illinois Central College, 9 ½' x 24' figurative relief sculpture "Tribute", installed on exterior wall of Administrative Building, E. Peoria, IL
- 1997 *Figurative Ceramics*, The Works Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Progeny*, Carlson Tower Gallery, North Park University, Chicago, IL  
*Regional Art Exhibition*, Davenport Museum of Art, Davenport, IA  
*Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition*, Mitchell Museum, Mount Vernon, IL
- 1996 Illinois Ceramics Invitational, *The Ceramic Cup*, Parkland College, Champaign
- 1995 *Currents '95*, Exhibition of Clay, Fiber, Glass, Metal, and Wood. Lill Street Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1994 *Ceramics Now*, Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA
- 1993 *Regional Art Exhibition*, Davenport Museum of Art, IA. FIRST PLACE PURCHASE AWARD  
*29<sup>th</sup> Ceramics National Exhibition*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY; Newark Museum, NJ  
*New Ceramics*, Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, CT. AWARD OF MERIT
- 1991 *Clay USA*, National Juried Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA  
*Figurative Clay*, National Juried Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA  
*Common Ground: Diverse Expressions in Clay*, Sawtooth Center for Art, Winston-Salem, NC  
*Under the Big Top*, A. Houberbocken Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

- 1990 *Ceramics Now*, Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA  
*National Council of Education of Ceramic Arts Exhibition*, Taft Museum, Cincinnati, OH
- 1989 *22<sup>nd</sup> Bradley National Print and Drawing Exhibition*, Bradley University, Peoria, IL  
*Ceramics Now*, Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA  
*42<sup>nd</sup> Mid-States Exhibition*, Evansville Museum of Art, Evansville, IN
- 1987 *Whirlpool Foundation Sculpture Exhibition*, Travel to Museums in Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas, Florida. HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
- 1986 *Interior Images*, Esther Saks Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1985 *Ceramics National Exhibition*, Erie Museum of Art, Erie, PA. Selected for four-year nationwide traveling exhibition  
*They Live on the Other Side of Town*, Three-person exhibition, Lill Street Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Beyond Syracuse University Invitational*, Hanover Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- 1984 *Chicago Vicinity Clay IV*, Lill Street Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Erotica*, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, WI  
*Southwest/Midwest Exchange Exhibition*, Museum of Fine Arts of New Mexico, Santa Fe and Lill Street Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*American Ceramics National*, Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA  
*Regional '84*, Indianapolis Art League, Indianapolis, IN  
*Galex XVIII National Exhibition*, Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL  
HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
- 1983 *Crafts Directions*, University of Wisconsin at Platteville, WI  
*Chicago Vicinity Clay III*, Lill Street Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Women's Perspective National Exhibition*, Guilford Crafts Center, Guilford CT  
*Women in Art National Exhibition*, Springfield Art Association, Springfield, IL
- 1982 *What's New in Clay National Exhibition*, University of Houston, Houston, TX  
*Trends in Stoneware National Exhibition*, A.R.T. Studio Art Gallery, Elk Grove Village, IL
- 1980 *Tradition in the Making Traveling Exhibition in Fiber, Clay, and Metal*, Atlanta College of Art, GA  
*Craftsmen Gallery National Exhibition*, Louisiana Art Guild, Baton Rouge, LA  
*Wisconsin Biennale*, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI
- 1979 *Objects '79*, Western Colorado Center of the Arts, Grand Junction, CO  
*Clay/Form, Function, and Fantasy*, Long Beach Gallery, Long Beach, CA  
*Illinois Crafts '79*, Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL
- 1978 *Crafts '78*, Women's Cultural Trust Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Cooperstown National Exhibition*, Cooperstown, NY. FIRST PRIZE IN CERAMICS  
*Clay from Molds: Multiples, Altered Castings, and Combinations*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
*Raku IV National Exhibition*, Peter's Valley Craftsmen Gallery, Layton, NJ  
*Craftsmen '78*, Museum of the Philadelphia Civic Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 1975 *Mural Commission Competition Award*, Peoria Heights Civic Hall, 10' x 32' Epoxy resin and Fiberglass relief sculpture, sponsored by Pabst Brewery, member of three-person team

## GALLERY AFFILIATIONS

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Abel Contemporary, Paoli, WI  
 Art@803, Key West, FL

Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL  
 An American Craftsman, NYC

## COMMISSIONS/COLLECTIONS

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- 2015 Private Commission, Full size standing portrait of Elvis, Morton, IL
- 2004 Relief Sculpture Commission, NorthSide Forsyth Hospital, Atlanta, GA  
 Commemorative Relief Sculpture Commission for City Park, City of Streator
- 2003 Private Commission, Four monumental ceramic heads, Morton, IL  
 Private Commission, 4 x 6' ceramic mural, Washington, IL
- 1999 Monumental Relief Sculpture 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission, Illinois Central College, East Peoria  
 Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences Permanent Collection, Peoria, IL  
 The Figge Museum of Art, Permanent Collection, Davenport, IA
- 1990 Historic Fire Engine Museum, Portrait Bust of Clyde Chamberlain. Madison, WI. 1990
- 1975 Peoria Heights Civic Hall, Epoxy Resin and Fiberglass 10' x 32' Wall Relief, (Member of Three-Person Team) Peoria Heights, IL.

Numerous private collections throughout the US and abroad